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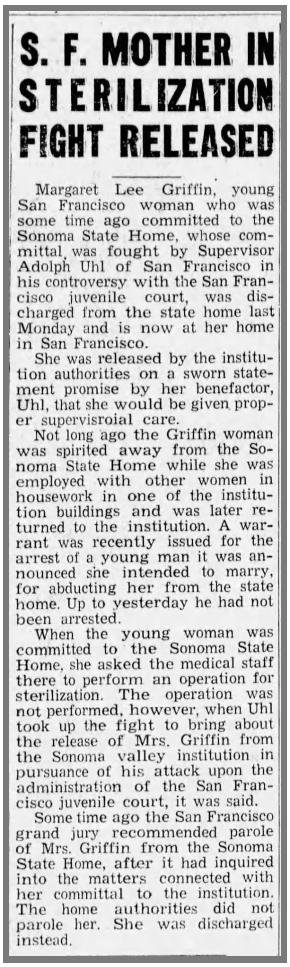

S. F. MOTHER IN STERILIZATION FIGHT RELEASED

Margaret Lee Griffin, young San Francisco woman who was some time ago committed to the Sonoma State Home, whose committal was fought by Supervisor Adolph Uhl of San Francisco in his controversy with the San Francisco juvenile court, was discharged from the state home last Monday and is now at her home in San Francisco.

She was released by the institution authorities on a sworn statement promise by her benefactor, Uhl, that she would be given proper supervisroial care.

Not long ago the Griffin woman was spirited away from the Sonoma State Home while she was employed with other women in housework in one of the institution buildings and was later returned to the institution. A warrant was recently issued for the arrest of a young man it was announced she intended to marry, for abducting her from the state home. Up to yesterday he had not been arrested.

When the young woman was committed to the Sonoma State Home, she asked the medical staff there to perform an operation for sterilization. The operation was not performed, however, when Uhl took up the fight to bring about the release of Mrs. Griffin from the Sonoma valley institution in pursuance of his attack upon the administration of the San Francisco juvenile court, it was said.

Some time ago the San Francisco grand jury recommended parole of Mrs. Griffin from the Sonoma State Home, after it had inquired into the matters connected with her committal to the institution. The home authorities did not parole her. She was discharged instead.

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